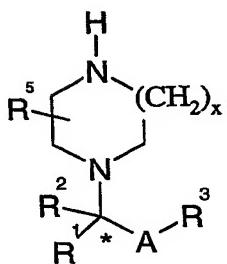


Claims:

1. A compound according to Formula I:



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and pharmaceutically and/or veterinarily acceptable derivatives thereof,
wherein:

- R¹ is H;
- 10 R² is aryl, het, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, (CH₂)_zaryl or R⁴, wherein each of the cycloalkyl, aryl, het and R⁴ groups is optionally substituted by at least one substituent independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂, CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylISO₂, C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl-S-, C₁₋₄alkylINR¹⁰R¹¹ and NR¹⁰R¹¹;
- 15 or R¹ and R², together with the carbon atom to which they are bound, form a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring containing at least one N, O or S heteroatom;
- 20 where R¹ and R² are different, * represents a chiral centre; R³ is aryl, het or R⁴, each optionally substituted by at least one substituent independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, het, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂, CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylISO₂, C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyl-S-, C₁₋₄alkylINR¹⁰R¹¹ and NR¹⁰R¹¹;
- 25 R⁴ is a phenyl group fused to a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic group, or a phenyl group fused to a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic group containing at least one N, O or S heteroatom;

- R⁵ is H or C₁₋₆alkyl;
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are the same or different and are independently H or C₁₋₄alkyl;
- A is a C₁₋₃alkylene chain which is optionally substituted by OH, C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy;
- 5 x is an integer from 1 to 3;
- y is 1 or 2;
- z is an integer from 1 to 3;
- aryl is phenyl, naphthyl, anthracyl or phenanthryl; and
- het is an aromatic or non-aromatic 4-, 5- or 6-membered heterocycle
- 10 which contains at least one N, O or S heteroatom, optionally fused to a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic group or a second 4-, 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which contains at least one N, O or S heteroatom,
- provided that when R¹ is H, R² is phenyl, A is CH₂ and x is 1, R³ is not 3-hydroxyphenyl or 3-(C₁₋₄alkoxy)phenyl.
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2. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ is H.
3. A compound according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein R² is aryl, het or C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, each optionally substituted by at least one substituent
- 20 independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂, CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylSO₂ and C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl.
- 25 4. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein R² is aryl optionally substituted by at least one substituent independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂, CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylSO₂ and C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl.
- 30 5. A compound according to Claim 4, wherein R² is phenyl optionally substituted by at least one substituent independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂,

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CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylISO₂ and C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl.

6. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein R³ is aryl or
5 R⁴, each optionally substituted by at least one substituent independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂, CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylISO₂ and C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl.

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7. A compound according to Claim 6, wherein R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by at least one substituent independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, OH, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, O(CH₂)_yCF₃, CN, CONH₂, CON(H)C₁₋₆alkyl, CON(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkoxy, SCF₃, C₁₋₆alkylISO₂ and C₁₋₄alkyl-S-C₁₋₄alkyl.

8. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein R⁵ is H or C₁₋₆alkyl.

20 9. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein A is a methylene (i.e. -CH₂-) group optionally substituted by OH.

10. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein x is 1.

25 11. A compound according to Claim 1 which is (+) or (-)-1-[2-(2-Ethoxyphenyl)-1-phenylethyl]piperazine.

12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, 30 diluent or carrier.

13. A compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 for use as a medicament.

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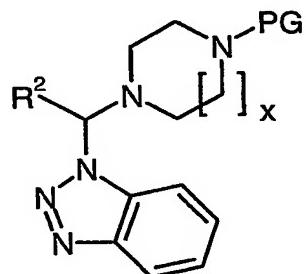
14. Use of a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a disorder in which the regulation of monoamine transporter function in mammals is implicated.
- 5 15. Use of a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a disorder in which the regulation of serotonin or noradrenaline in mammals is implicated.
- 10 16. Use according to Claim 15, wherein the regulation of serotonin and noradrenaline is implicated.
17. Use of a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of urinary disorders, depression, pain, premature ejaculation, ADHD or fibromyalgia in
15 mammals.
18. Use of a compound according to Claim 17, for the treatment of urinary incontinence, such as GSI or USI , in mammals.
- 20 19. A method of treatment of a disorder in which the regulation of monoamine transporter function is implicated which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 to a patient in need of such treatment.
- 25 20. A method of treatment of a disorder in which the regulation of serotonin or noradrenaline is implicated which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 to a patient in need of such treatment.
- 30 21. A method according to Claim 20, wherein the regulation of serotonin and noradrenaline is implicated.
22. A method of treatment of urinary disorders, depression, pain, premature ejaculation, ADHD or fibromyalgia, which comprises

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administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 to a patient in need of such treatment.

23. A method according to Claim 22, wherein the urinary disorder is
5 urinary incontinence, such as GSI or USI.

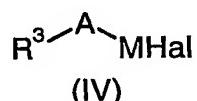
24. A process for preparing a compound according to any one of Claims 1-11 comprising reacting a compound of Formula III



(III)

10 wherein R2 and x are as defined in any of Claims 1 to 11 and PG is a protecting group;

with a compound of Formula IV



15 wherein R3 and A are as defined in any of Claims 1 to 11, M is a metal selected from Zn and Mg and Hal is a halogen atom selected from chlorine, bromine and iodine;
and deprotecting the resultant compound.